



JMG BEST PRACTICES

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TITLE:	Sizing Up Brick Walls and "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"	
PARTICIPANT CONTACT CLASSIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> AR ~ Academic Remediation <input type="checkbox"/> CS ~ Community Service <input type="checkbox"/> FT ~ Field Trips/Guest Speakers <input type="checkbox"/> OT ~ Other	<input type="checkbox"/> CA ~ Career Association <input type="checkbox"/> ES ~ Employability Skills <input type="checkbox"/> GC ~ Guidance Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> WL ~ Work Based Learning
GROUP SIZE:	Small Group (< 10) Medium Group (11-30) Large Group (> 30)	
PARTNERS:		

Materials/Cost/Other:

Description:

Form JILG (Jobs for Illinois Graduates): "As part of an ongoing study of character development, students have been reading *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. Based on his speech delivered at Carnegie Mellon University on September 17, 2007, the book provides a more in-depth look not only at Randy's life, but also his perspective about how we can be better people through communication, teamwork, leadership, and tolerance. He also reminds us that failure is okay, and often very necessary, in order to achieve our goals.

One of the recurring themes in Randy's book is the idea of obstacles being nothing more than brick walls (see quotation below). With determination, and sometimes the help of others, anyone can overcome their brick wall if they want.

Activity 1: Students read the book; during their reading of the book, students were asked to reflect and write about their own brick walls.

Activity 2: When students completed the book they watched Randy's lecture "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," which was the basis for his book.

Activity 3: Students also had the opportunity to claim a brick in a wall and write their most challenging obstacle on that brick.

"The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out, the brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough."

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